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DEPT PASS ACTION FOR VITO STAGLIANO

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTARISM, JUNE 27-JULY 1, 1976,
AT VIENNA

REF A STATE 45403 NOTAL B MARTIN-STAGLIANO LTR APRIL 21, 1976

1. DIRECTOR OF AUSTRALIA'S OVERSEAS SERVICE BUREAU (OSB)
A.A.B. MARTIN INFORMED CONGEN APRIL 15 THAT GOA HAD JUST
INFORMED HIM IT IS NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION PROVIDE FUNDS
FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR ANY PNG DELEGATES TO SUBJECT
CONFERENCE, AS STAGLIANO HAD ASKED HIM TO ASCERTAIN FROM
CANBERRA WHEN STAGLIANO VISITED HERE IN MARCH.

2. MARTIN ALSO INFORMED US THAT ON APRIL 26-27, FIVE-
MEMBER AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION FROM AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR
OVERSEAS AID (ACFOA) WILL MEET IN PORT MORESBY, AT
INVITATION PNG FOREIGN OFFICE, WITH 25 PNG GOVT AND
NON-GOVT PERSONS TO DISCUSS GOVT AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE INCLUDING A PNG DOMESTIC SERVICE CORPS. (ACFOA
IS GOVT-SUPPORTED UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING 35
NON-GOVT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.) AUSDEL WILL BE HEADED BY
W. J. ARMSTRONG, MEMBER OF OSB STAFF, REPRESENTING
MR MARTIN WHO IS ALSO DEPUTY CHAIMAN ACFOA.
CONGEN HAS RECOMMENDED TO MARTIN THAT ARMSTRONG

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CALL ON EMBASSY DURING PORT MORESBY CONFERENCE BECAUSE MARTIN,

IN HIS OSB ROLE, HAS AGREED TO ACT AS CO-SPONSOR OF VIENNA CONFERENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, AS HE AGREED TO DO DURING STAGLIANO VISIT, MARTIN HAS INSTRUCTED ARMSTRONG TO USE OCCASION OF PORT MORESBY CONFERENCE TO EVALUATE PNG DELS AND HELP SELECT TWO OF THEM AS POTENTIAL NOMINEES TO ATTEND VIENNA CONFERENCE. THEIR NAMES ARE TO BE RELAYED TO STAGLIANO IN HOPES ACTION CAN PROVIDE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR THEM. MARTIN ASSURED CONGEN OFFICER THAT ACFOA AND OSB HAVE CLOSE, CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PNG FOREIGN OFFICE SPONSORS OF FORTHCOMING PORT MORESBY MEETING AND THIS AUSTRALIAN ROLE IN PROCESS OF NOMINATING PNG DELS TO VIENNA WOULD MEET WITH APPROVAL OF THOSE OFFICIALS. NEVERTHELESS, HE READILY AGREED THAT ARMSTRONG SHOULD CALL ON EMBASSY AND EXPLAIN SITUATION.

3. MARTIN ALSO INFORMED US THAT OSB BOARD ITSELF MET APRIL 13 AND DECIDED IT CANNOT AFFORD TO SEND OWN DELEGATE TO VIENNA TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS ABROAD (AVA). DOING SO WOULD MEAN NOT RPT NOT SENDING THREE VOLUNTEERS TO PNG AND BOARD DECIDED IT WOULD RATHER SEND VOLUNTEERS.

4. MARTIN REQUESTED CONGEN CLARIFY TO ACTION THAT HE IS DIRECTOR OF OSB, NOT OF AVA WHICH IS PROGRAM, NOT AGENCY.

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